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LEADING IOWANS IN CARING FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

State Parks Bureau

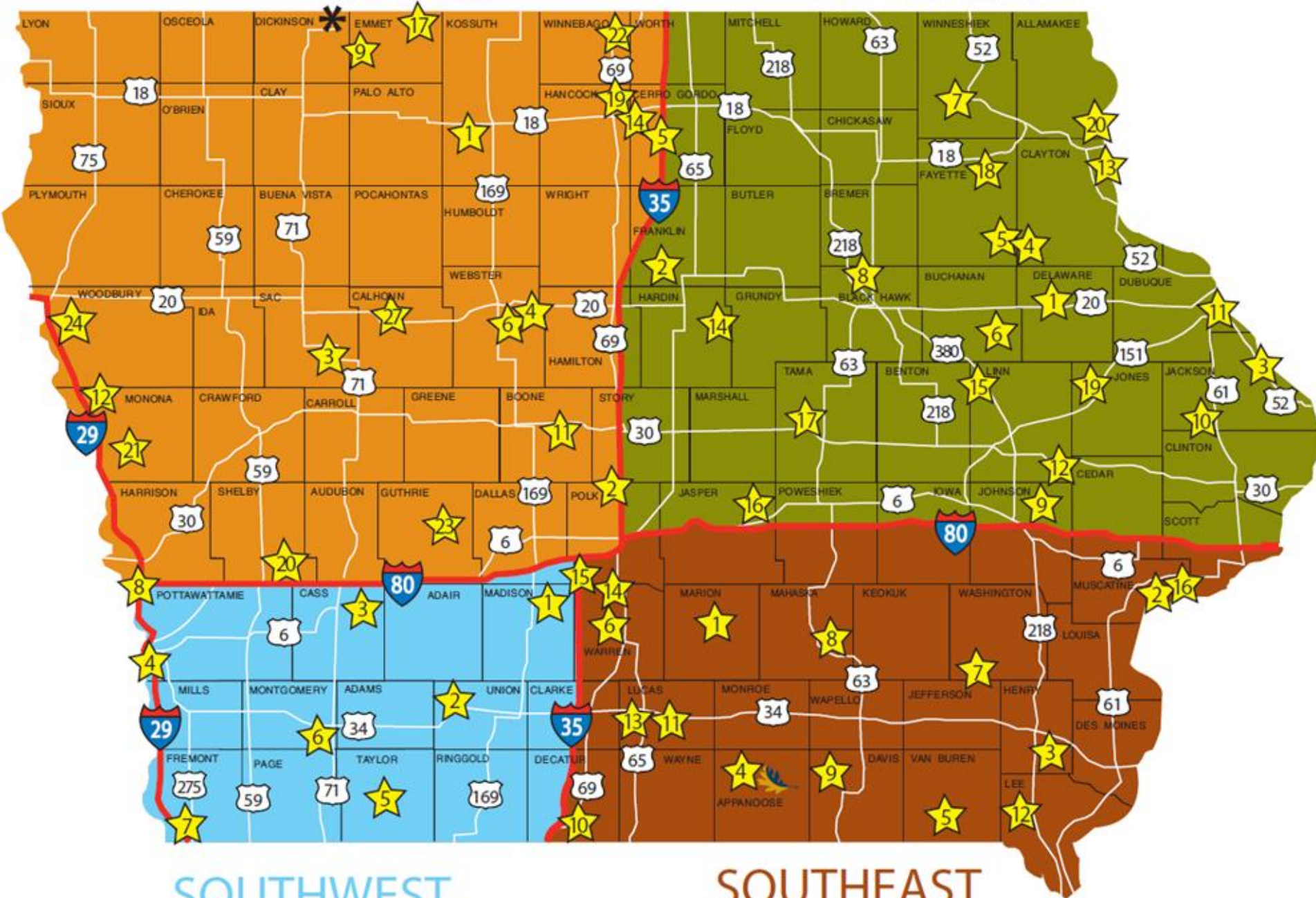
- “Experience Iowa’s natural beauty and all the fun our state parks offer as you make memories with family and friends.” - IDNR handout
- “Plan your adventure today.” - IDNR – webpage
- “Escape to the Unexpected” — Iowa Tourism Office
- #THISISIOWA

REGIONAL IOWA STATE PARK MAP

NORTHWEST

NORTHEAST

7,8,10,13,15,16,18,25,26



State Parks by the Numbers

- +55,000 acres
- 40 beaches
- 77 campgrounds – 5,000+ camp sites, 80 shower bldgs.
- 100 modern restrooms
- 280 non-modern restrooms
- 86 cabins
- 26 day-use lodges
- 5 interpretive centers
- 150 picnic shelters
- 124 boat ramps
- 178 fishing jetties
- 450+ miles of trails
- 91 miles sewer lines
- 32 sewage lagoons
- 53 public drinking wells
- 150 miles water lines
- 54 campgrounds



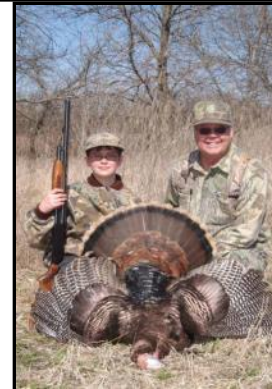
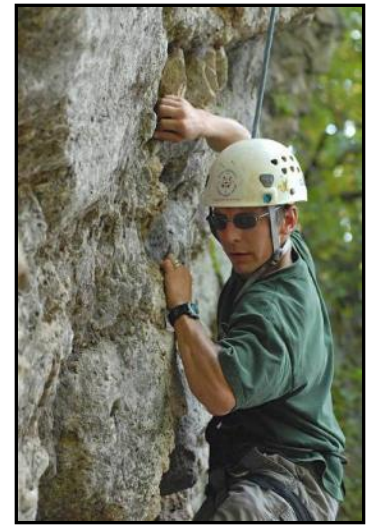
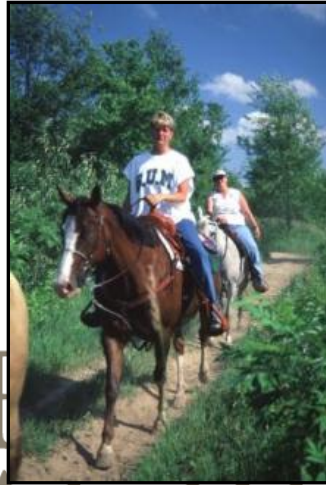
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**Creating Memories &
Family Traditions**

Diverse Recreation

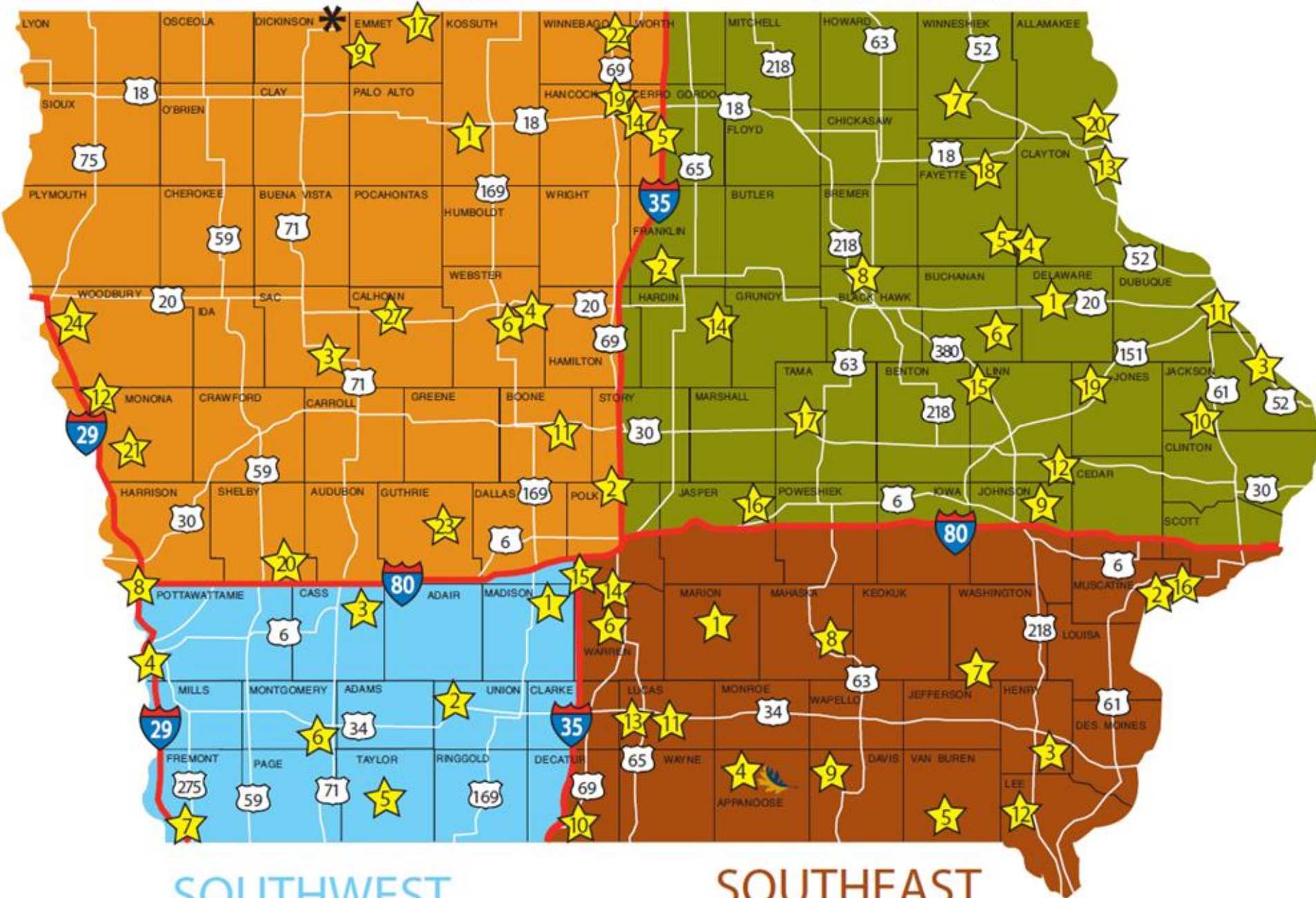


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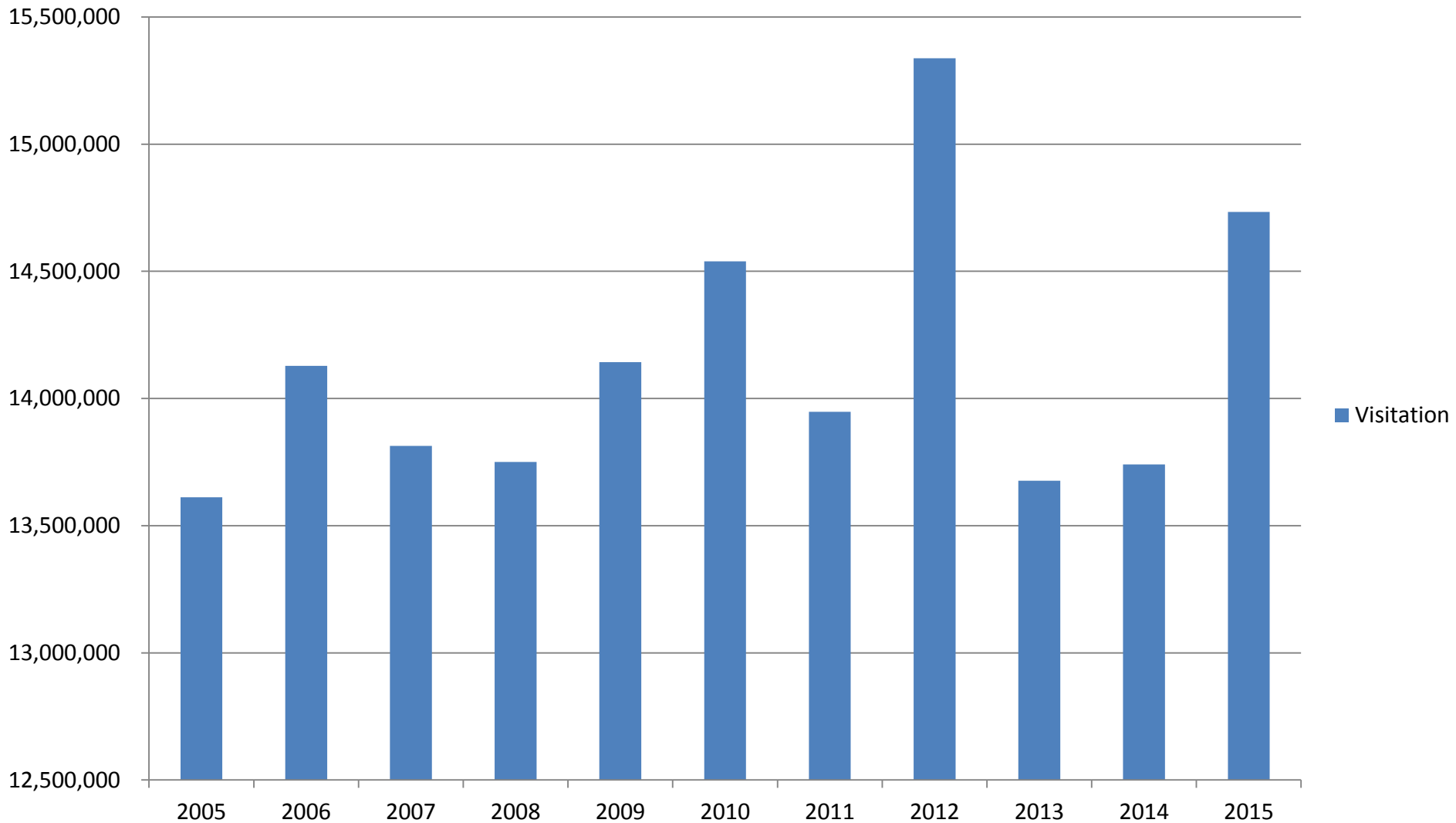
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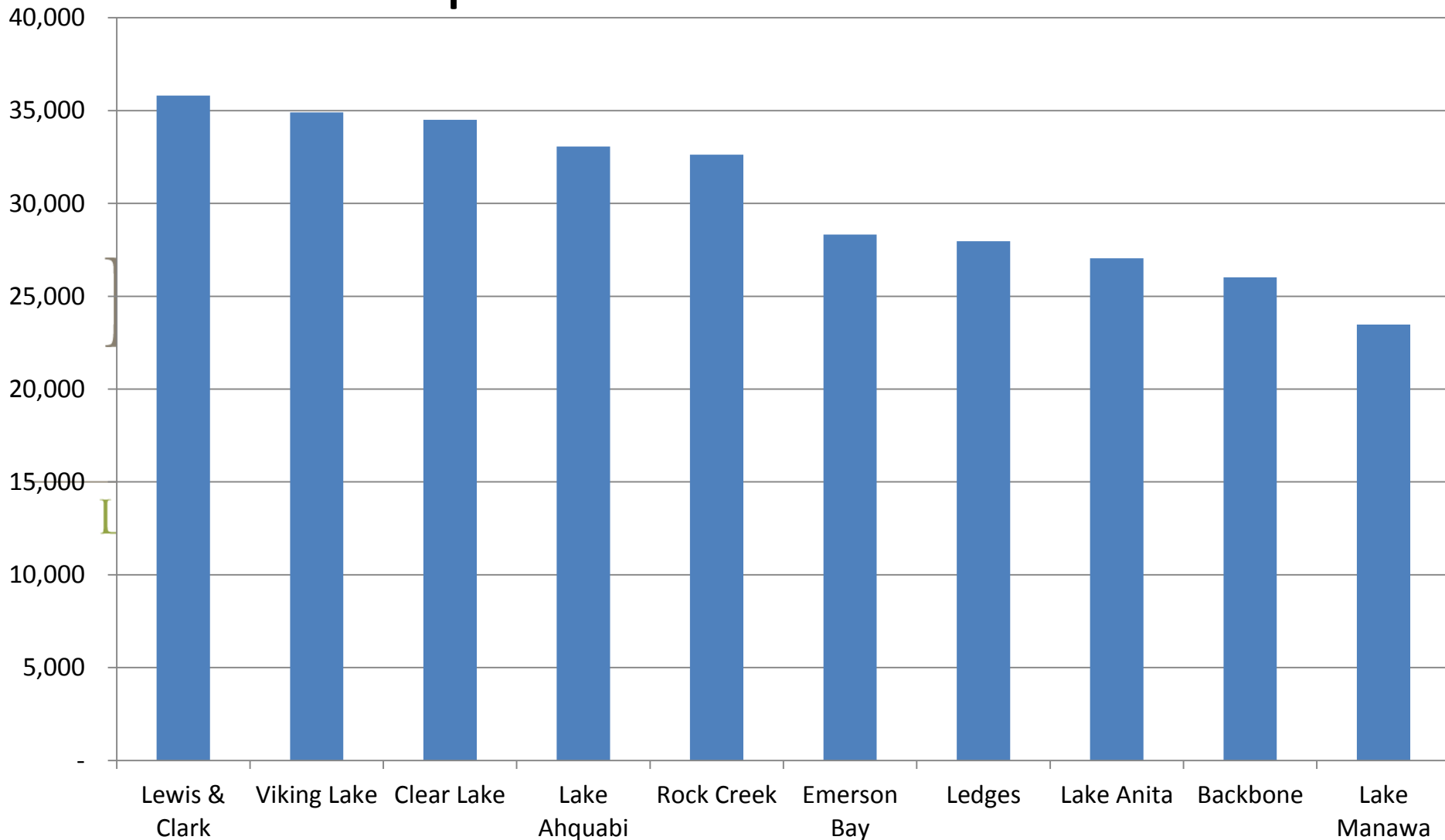
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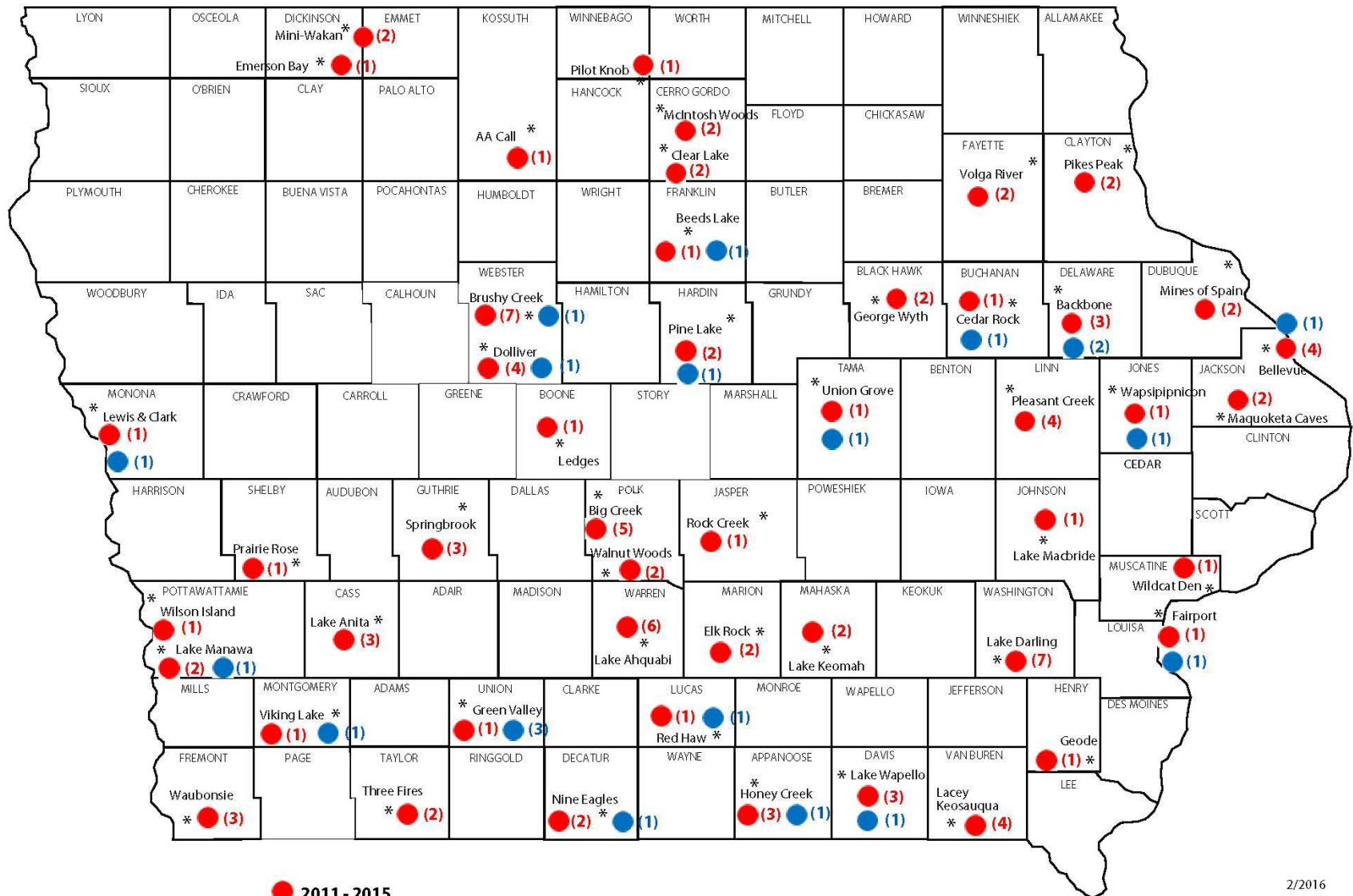
Park Use: Camping Guest Days – Top 10 in Calendar Year 2015



How do we get this done?

- Online Reservation System
 - +40,000 reservations annually
 - ~21% from out of state
- Friends Groups
 - 34 different Friends Groups
 - Labor of Love
 - Concessions
 - Financial Contributions
 - Over \$1 million at Lake Darling in last 5 years.
 - Monsanto Award of \$5,000 to a local farmer donated to Ledges State Park

2011 - 2016 \$5 Million Annual Appropriation Investment Iowa State Parks



● 2011 - 2015
● 2016

100th Anniversary of State Parks in 2020



- Address the challenge of the original purpose versus the current use
- Recognize the heritage of the Civilian Conservation Corps
- Restore Parks to their Premiere Condition
- Increase Public Awareness
- Prepare for the Second Century

Questions?

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